## AQAA DAR COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT 14 May 1997

## **FAR/DFARS** Cases Discussed:

95-017	<b>Final Overhead Settlement (PAT):</b> Revises 42.705 to help reduce the time needed for settlement of final overhead rates.	No reclama comments received for draft final rule agreed to on 05/07/97.
97-H711	Forms (DD Form 1155 - Order for Supplies or Services) Deletes the estimate of paperwork burden and the OMB approval. It has been determined that use of this form does not constitute a collection of information as defined by 5 CFR 1320.7(j)(1). Several recommendation have been made to improve form.	No reclama comments received for revisions to DD Form 1155 agreed to son 05/07/97.
94-772	<b>Part 13 Rewrite:</b> Reorganizes and revises the material in Part 13 of the FAR. DoD position is to use the current "FAR Baseline" versus the major reorganization. However, NASA and GSA want Part 13 restructured. Council will work from GSA version and mark-up to address DoD issues.	Marked-up GSA version. Clean will be sent out for review. Scheduled to be discussed further 05/29.
97-015	Alternate Dispute Resolution1996: Implements changes to the Alternate Disputes Resolution Act of 1996 that: makes clear the authority to contract with a neutral as an exception to CICA; conforms the certification requirements of the ADR Act and the Contract Disputes Act; allows for binding arbitration in certain circumstances; and, requires rejections of ADR requests to be in writing.	Agreed to draft proposed rule, as edited. Reclama by 05/16/97.
97-014	<b>FAR Part 30 Deviations:</b> Allows deviations to Part 30, Administration of Cost Accounting Standards. Maintains that existing prohibition on such deviations is not necessary since CAS itself was recodified in 48 CFR Chapter 99. Prohibition now precludes the Govt. from deviating from its own policies and procedures.	Agreed to draft final rule.
97-D016	<b>FAR Part 30 DeviationsDFARS:</b> Conforms DFARS to changes made in FAR Case 97-014 above.	Agreed to final rule.
95-D040	IR&D/B&P Costs for FY96 and Beyond: Amends the IR&D/B&P cost principle to implement the intent of Congress to treat IR&D/B&P costs for FY96 and beyond as fully allowable, subject only to the FAR normal standards of reasonableness and allocability. Also, implements 10 USC 2372.	Agreed to final rule, as edited.
97-D014	<b>Single Process Initiative:</b> Establishes policy and procedures to facilitate the Single Process Initiative.	Deferred. AR and OSD(P&L) have issues for Ad Hoc Cmte to address

**NOTE 1:** DAR Council will not meet during the week of 05/21/97 because of the DoD Procurement Conference.